



Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

Department of Aging and Disability Services

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DADS Vision and Mission

- Vision

- Older Texans and persons with disabilities will be supported by a comprehensive and cost-effective service delivery system that promotes and enhances individual well-being, dignity, and choice.

- Mission

- To provide a comprehensive array of aging and disability services, supports, and opportunities that are easily accessed in local communities.

Demographics

- Texas has the third-largest population of older adults (60+) in the U.S.
 - The older population is expected to increase 67% between 2015 and 2030; age 70-79 to increase 104%; age 85+ to increase 71% by 2030.
 - By 2030, older adults will comprise almost 21% of the Texas population; they were less than 15% in 2010.
 - With an increase in the aging population comes a corresponding increase in the number of people with disabilities and chronic health conditions, impacting our health and human services system.
- Texas has the second largest population of people with disabilities, with an estimated 3 million individuals living in the community with one or more disabilities.
 - Among adults 18-64, 10% have a disability; among adults 65+, 41% have a disability.
 - Approximately 138,000 individuals have a significant intellectual disability; these individuals are potentially eligible for DADS services.

Overview of Services and Programs

- The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) provides and regulates long-term services and supports for a wide range of individuals:
 - Individuals with a physical disability
 - Individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability (IDD)
 - Individuals age 60 and older, their family members and other caregivers, all of whom are eligible for services under the Older Americans Act
- Long-term services and supports meet an individual's health or personal care needs over an extended period of time and may include:
 - Assistance with bathing, toileting, dressing, eating
 - Meal preparation
 - Relief for caregivers
 - Home modifications and repairs
 - Transportation
 - Adaptive aids
 - Nutrition services such as home-delivered meals or meals at senior centers
 - Services at licensed facilities

Organization

- DADS is organized into three main functional areas:
 - **Regulatory Services**
 - Licensing
 - Survey
 - Enforcement
 - **Access and Intake**
 - Area Agencies on Aging
 - Local Authorities
 - Community Services and Program Operations
 - Guardianship Services
 - Community Services Contracts
 - Strategic Operations and Grants
 - Utilization Management and Review
 - **State Supported Living Centers**
 - Facilities and programs for individuals with IDD

Regulatory Services

- DADS regulates the following long-term services and supports providers*:
 - Nursing Facilities – 1,224 (licensure and certification)
 - Intermediate Care Facilities – 863 (licensure and certification)
 - Assisted Living Facilities – 1,771 (licensure)
 - Adult Day Care Facilities – 478 (licensure)
 - Home and Community Support Services Agencies – 6,352 (licensure and certification)
 - Home and Community-based Services waiver providers – 767
 - Texas Home Living waiver providers – 374
- In addition to regulating providers, DADS administers licensing, certification, and permit services for employability as:
 - Nursing facility administrators – 2,057
 - Nurse aides – 127,709 active on the Nurse Aide Registry
 - Medication aides – 9,977
- Regulatory processes include:
 - Certification
 - Licensing
 - Inspection/Survey
 - Enforcement
 - Appeals

*As reported in the FY2014 Annual Report

Access to Long-Term Services and Supports

- Individuals can obtain long-term services and supports through a variety of local access and entry points.
 - Area agencies on aging (AAAs)
 - Help for individuals who are older, their family members and other caregivers by:
 - providing information, benefits counseling, and assistance in accessing community services
 - Local IDD authorities
 - Help for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities by:
 - providing eligibility determinations and assistance in accessing appropriate services and supports
 - DADS community services' regional offices
 - Help for individuals who are older and those with physical disabilities by:
 - determining eligibility for programs that provide alternatives to institutional placement and assistance with accessing appropriate services
 - DADS aging and disability resource centers (ADRCs)
 - Help for individuals who are older or who have a physical disability and family caregivers by:
 - Serving as integrated points of entry into the long-term services system
 - Pre-screening individuals to determine long-term needs and providing information and referral to public benefits and long-term services

DADS Guardianship Services

- DADS is directed to provide guardianship services to individuals who are:
 - Referred by Adult Protective Services and determined by a court to lack capacity
 - Aging out of Child Protective Services conservatorship and are incapable of managing their own affairs as determined by a court with probate authority
 - Referred by a court with probate authority in certain circumstances
- Services include managing the ward's:
 - living arrangements
 - estates
 - medical treatment
 - funeral arrangements
 - disposal of property
- Services are provided directly by DADS staff or through contracts with local guardianship programs.
- DADS must limit its guardianship services to individuals who can fund their own needs.

State Supported Living Centers

- DADS operates the state supported living centers (SSLCs), which are certified as providers of Medicaid-funded services in the ICF/IID program.
- SSLCs provide residential services and supports for persons with intellectual disabilities at 13 locations:
 - Abilene
 - Austin
 - Brenham
 - Corpus Christi
 - Denton
 - El Paso
 - Lubbock
 - Lufkin
 - Mexia
 - Richmond
 - Rio Grande*
 - San Angelo
 - San Antonio

*Note: The Rio Grande State Center is operated by the Texas Department of State Health Services and provides ICF/IID Services through a contract with DADS.

State Supported Living Centers

- State supported living centers provide:
 - 24-hour residential services
 - Comprehensive behavioral treatment services
 - Comprehensive health care services, including:
 - physician services
 - nursing services
 - dental services
 - Other services include:
 - skills training
 - occupational, physical and speech therapies
 - vocational programs
 - services to maintain connections between residents, their families, and natural support systems

Policy Priorities

- Ensuring consistent, fair regulatory actions to protect our most vulnerable Texans.
- Continuing to improve the quality of services and supports offered at SSLCs.
- Improving the capacity to serve individuals with complex medical and behavioral needs in the community.